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Compilation of a text book on hygiene for use in schools in the Presidency.

* 113 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have made enquiries that in the Bengal Presidency a text book in hygiene called "Swastya Raksha" compiled by an Ayurvedic physician has been prescribed for use in schools by the provincial Government with the approval of their Director of Public Instruction; and

(*b*) whether any competent person in this Presidency has prepared or has been asked by the Government to prepare a text book of that type for use in the Government and aided schools of this Presidency?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) There is no information about the book 'Swastya Rakhsa'; but books on hygiene prepared by competent persons have been approved by the Text Book Committee for use in schools.

Prescription of a book on health for use in schools.

* 114 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have prescribed any book or books dealing with health to be taught in the middle or the high schools; and

(*b*) whether the Government have arranged or are arranging for the publication of such books by competent medical men?

A.—(*a*) Government do not prescribe text-books for middle or high schools.

(*b*) No; but Government understand that several books dealing with health suitable for use in schools are published by private firms and have been approved by the Text Book Committee.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Forest Panchayats

Forest panchayats in North Arcot district.

115 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of forest panchayats constituted in the North Arcot district;

(*b*) whether there is any Government Order specifying that half the amount of fine and compensation collected by the forest panchayats should be given to the concerned panchayats for their improvements;

(*c*) whether any circular was issued by the Government to give effect to the order;

(*d*) whether the order so issued was subsequently held in abeyance, if so, for what reasons;